

FINAL REGULATIONS

Title of Regulation: **18 VAC 85-110-10 et seq.** (VR 465-11-01) Licensed Acupuncturists

Part III. Scope of Practice.

18 VAC 85-110-100. General requirements.

~~A. An initial request for~~ Prior to performing acupuncture services, a licensed acupuncturist shall be accompanied by a obtain written referral documentation that the patient has received a diagnostic examination within the past six months ~~from~~ by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry ~~and shall be acting~~ within the scope of his practice ~~and based on his examination of the patient within the past six months.~~

~~B. Treatment provided by the acupuncturist shall be periodically reviewed as determined by the referring physician.~~

~~C. The licensed acupuncturist shall report the patient's condition back to the referring physician after three months or 10 treatments, whichever occurs first.~~

18 VAC 85-110-110. Limitation of titles.

A person practicing as a licensed acupuncturist is restricted to the use of the titles "Lic.Ac." or L.Ac." and shall not use the terms "physician" or "doctor" in his name or practice unless he simultaneously uses a clarifying title, initials, abbreviation or designation or language.

18 VAC 85-110-130. Maintenance of patient records.

A licensed acupuncturist shall maintain records of ~~the referral,~~ his diagnosis; and treatment, and ~~patient~~ the patient's response to acupuncture and shall submit records to the board upon request, unless release of subject records is otherwise prohibited by law. Failure to maintain patient records of those patients treated with acupuncture or failure to respond to the board's request for patient records within 30 days shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of a license to practice acupuncture.

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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